

SENATE RESOLUTION 78

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Matthew Nelson,  
2000 Salutatorian of Northwest High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Nelson is one such exceptional student who recently was named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Northwest High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Matthew has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Matthew has earned an exemplary grade point average; he has been a member of the National Beta Club, the Scholar's Bowl and the Marching Band, holding leadership positions in each organization; he has also been a member of the Science Club, Upward Bound and the Tennis team; and

WHEREAS, Matthew participated in the YMCA Teen Council, the National Forensics League, the Filipino-American Association, the Associated Student Government, the Humane

Society, Worth Waiting For from 1999-2000, Youth Alive and the Spanish Club from 1998-2000, Mainstream, the Student Advisory Committee, and the *Viking Conqueror* Newspaper staff from 1997-1998, the Key Club from 1996-1998, the Interact Club, Envirothon and the Math Team from 1996-1997; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has received numerous awards during his high school career, including first place in the District Envirothon, third place in the State Envirothon, third place honors in the Regional Scholar's Bowl, third chair in the All-County Band and a Gold Excel Card in 1996-97, 9th chair in the All-County Band, first tenor in the Mid-State Choir, second tenor in the SDACDA Men's Honor Choir, Best Overall Project in the Northwest Science Fair, second place for Physics in the 46th Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair, finalist in the Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, finalist in the Junior Tennessee Academy of Science, Best Chemistry Student in Northwest High School and two Gold Excel Cards in 1997-98, semifinalist in the Student Challenge Award, first place in the State Scholar's Bowl, first place undefeated in the eight state Regional Scholar's Bowl, and two Gold Excel cards in 1998-99; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has leavened his academics with practical work experience, including work as a dishwasher in 1992-93, a bagger at the Base Exchange in Vogelweh, Germany in the DAD's Club in 1994-95, an Upward Bound tutor from 1998-2000, and cooking and preparing meals at Captain D's in 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has attended the Interact Convention Water Quality exhibit, the Murray State University Chemistry Tournament, the National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, the Austin Peay State University Expolympics, the Titanic Exhibit in Memphis the Holocaust Exhibit at the Knoxville Museum of Art, An Evening with Maya Angelou, as well as various performances at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's talent are many and varied, leading to his inclusion in filming in a nationally shown Maxwell House Coffee commercial and in his mastery of Chinese, Indonesian and Filipino cooking; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has broadened his experiences through attendance at the Governor's School for the Sciences in 1998, the Upward Bound summer sessions for six weeks in 1997 and 1999, the Math, Science and Technology Academy in 1999, and through extensive travel to the countries of Germany, France, Holland, Luxembourg, Spain, Italy, the Vatican City, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, England, Turkey, Morocco and Canada and all of the U.S. except Alaska, Hawaii and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Northwest High School Salutatorian, Matthew Nelson, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.